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In response to the non-final official action dated December 22, 2005, please amend the above-identified patent application as set forth herein.

Amendments to the claims begin on Page 2 of this paper.

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